Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

receiving search criteria entered by a user, wherein the search criteria includes at least

one search keyword;

searching a database for data records matching the search criteria;

generating search results comprising of the data records matching the received search

criteria; and

caching the search results to maintain persistency of the search results.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving search criteria further

comprises receiving at least one search category.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising refining the

search results based on at least one result refining keyword entered by the user.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

passing the received search criteria to a Virtual Business Component (VBC).

5.   (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

passing the received search criteria from the Virtual Business Component to a search

execution business service.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein searching the database further

comprises:

using a search execution business service to search the database for data records

matching the search criteria.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein caching the search results further

comprises:

caching the search results in a search execution business service to maintain

persistency of the search results.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein caching the search results further

comprises:

caching the search results in a search execution business service until termination of a

user session to maintain persistency of the search results until termination of the user session.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending the search results to a frame so that the search results can be listed on a user

interface.

10.   (Original) A method, comprising:

receiving a search category and a search keyword entered by a user;

searching a database for data records matching the search category and the search

keyword;

generating search results comprising of the data records matching the search category and

the search keyword; and

caching the search results to maintain persistency of the search results until termination

of a session.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

passing the received search category and the search keyword to a Virtual Business

Component (VBC).

12.   (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

passing the received search category and the search keyword from the Virtual Business

Component to a search execution business service.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein searching the database further

comprises:

using a search execution business service to search the database for data records

matching the search criteria.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein caching the search results further

comprises:

caching the search results in a search execution business service to maintain persistency

of the search results until termination of a session.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

sending the search results to a frame so that the search results can be listed on a user

interface.

16.   (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a user interface to receive search criteria entered by a user, wherein the search criteria

includes at least one search keyword;

a Virtual Business Component (VBC) to receive the search criteria from the user

interface;

a business service to receive the search criteria from the Virtual Business Component, to

perform a search for data records matching the search criteria, to generate search results

comprising of the data records matching the received search criteria, and to cache the search

results to maintain persistency of the search results.

17.   (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the search criteria comprises at least

one search category.

18.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the business service

refines the search results based on at least one result refining keyword entered by the user.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the business service caches the

search results until termination of a user session to maintain persistency of the search results until

termination of the user session.

20.   (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the business service sends the search

results to the user interface so that the search results can be listed on the user interface.

21.   (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a user interface to receive search criteria entered by a user, wherein the search criteria

includes at least one search keyword;

a Virtual Business Component (VBC) to receive the search criteria from the user

interface;

a business service to receive the search criteria from the Virtual Business Component,

~~and~~ to perform a search for data records matching the search criteria, and to cache search results

to maintain persistency of the search results.

22.   (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the search criteria comprises at least

one search category.

23.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the business service

performs a second search based on at least one result refining keyword entered by the user.

24.   (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising:

a search adapter to adapt to a selected search engine and to generate search results

comprising of the data records matching the received search criteria; and

the business service caching the search results generated by the search adapter to

maintain persistency of the search results.

25.   (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the business service caches the

search results until termination of a user session to maintain persistency of the search results until

termination of the user session.

26.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the business service

sends the search results to a search frame so that the search results can be listed on the user

interface.

27.   (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium comprising instructions

which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:

receiving search criteria entered by a user, wherein the search criteria includes at least

one search keyword;

searching a database for data records matching the search criteria;

generating search results comprising of the data records matching the received search

criteria; and

caching the search results to maintain persistency of the search results.

28.   (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 27, wherein receiving search

criteria further comprises receiving at least one search category and at least one search keyword.

29.   (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 27, wherein caching the

search results further comprises:

caching the search results until termination of a user session to maintain persistency of

the search results until termination of the user session.

30.   (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 27, further comprising:

sending the search results to a search frame so that the search results can be listed on a

user interface.

31.   (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 27, further comprising refining the search results based on at least one result refining keyword entered by the user.